

Remarks:

1. The Examiner's objections to claims 1 and 13 have been overcome by making the suggested corrections.
2. Claims 6-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claims 6 and 7 have been canceled. Claim 8 has been amended to depend from claim 4. Because the insufficient antecedent basis for "said magnet" occurred in claim 6, this rejection is overcome.
3. Claims 1, 2, 4-6, 9, 10, and 12-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 5,690, 356 to Lane, Jr. Claims 1-10 and 12-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,419,199 B1 to Skofljanec et al.
 - a. Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitation of original claim 5. This limitation, "wherein said movable member is biased into a first position, wherein said movable member must be moved from said first position to allow a hook to engage the anchor", is not taught or disclosed in either of the cited references. The moveable member feature built into or adjacent the anchor feature in both Lane, Jr. (US 5,690,356) and Skofljanec (US 6,419,199), is designed specifically for the latching structure disclosed in their respective patents, as can be seen in the drawings. For instance, a hook type of latching member could be placed on the anchor of either of the cited references and not contact the disclosed design of moveable member, thereby not generating a signal that a car seat is attached to the anchor. The moveable member of the instant application has to be moved from its first position for any type

of latching feature to be connected to the anchor. This is patentably distinct over the cited references and offers a considerable advantage, not requiring a specific design of latching feature on the car seat.

- b. Claims 2-4 depends from claim 1 and for at least the reasons cited in point 3(a) are in condition for allowance.
- c. Claim 8 depends from claim 4 and for at least the reasons cited in point 3(b) is in condition for allowance.
- d. Claim 9 depends from claim 1 and for at least the reasons cited in point 3(a) is in condition for allowance.
- e. Claim 10 depends from claim 9 and for at least the reasons cited in point 3(d) is in condition for allowance.
- f. Claim 12 depends from claim 1 and for at least the reasons cited in point 3(a) is in condition for allowance.
- g. Amended claim 13 includes the limitation of "a movable member which effectively blocks an opening of the anchor when the moveable member is in a first position".

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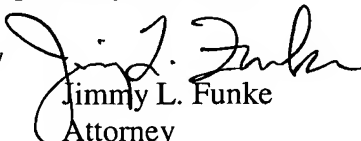
- h. Claim 14 depends from claim 13 and for at least the reasons cited in point 3(g) is in condition for allowance.
- i. Claim 15 depends from claim 14 and for at least the reasons cited in point 3(h) is in condition for allowance.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's thorough examination of the instant application.

Applicants believe that the application is now in condition for allowance and look forward to a timely Notice of Allowance.

Although no fees are believed due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 50-0831 for any fees or credit the account for any overpayment.

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